

Part 2 – Remarks

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006. In that Office Action, the restriction requirement was continued and made final, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent 3,503,649 to Johnson; claims 8-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were noted as allowable if rewritten; and claims 20-41 were allowed.

Reconsideration of these objections and rejections is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below, in regard to pending claims 8-41.

Withdrawn Claims

Claims 42-53 have been canceled without prejudice to reassert these claims in a divisional application.

Allowed and Allowable Claims

Claims 20-41 have been noted as allowable. These claims remain unamended in their original form.

Claim 8 has been amended into independent form by incorporating therein subject matter from the claims from which it originally depended. Claims 9-13 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 8, and remain unamended in their original form.

Claim 14 has been amended into independent form by incorporating therein subject matter from the claims from which it originally depended. Claim 15 has been amended to make it more directly specific in its relationship to claim 14.

Claim 16 has been amended into independent form by including therein subject matter from the claims upon which it originally depended, and by modifying the original language of claim 16 to be non-redundant and more specific. Claim 17 has also been amended to make it more directly specific in its relationship to amended claim 16. Claim 18 has been amended to correct an antecedent basis issue. Claims 17-19 depend directly or indirectly on claim 16.

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Accordingly, claims 8-19, having been amended in the manner described and shown above, should no longer be objectionable and should be allowable in accordance with the Examiner's notation of allowable subject matter.

Anticipation Rejection

Claims 1-7 have been canceled, so the anticipation rejection should no longer be applicable.

Conclusion

As a result of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is believed that all pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any issues which may inhibit the immediate allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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